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LOCAL

Miss Mary Wilson of Lawton was in Paw Paw last Saturday.

John Haven of Bloomingdale was in Paw Paw on business Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Warner and Mrs. W. J. Warner motored to Kalamazoo on Tuesday last.

Lowell Packer of the firm of Packer and Giddings of Lawton was a Paw Paw visitor on Wednesday.

Master Turner Longwell was so much improved from his recent illness that he was able to start in school again last Monday.

Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Van Vleck and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller motored to Kalamazoo Thursday to see the great comedian Harry Lauder, at the Fuller theatre.

Regular meeting of Paw Paw Encampment I. O. O. F. next Wednesday evening, February 12th. There will be work and all members are urgently requested to be present.

Alice Brady stars in the feature announced for tonight and Saturday night at the Idle Hour theatre. Manager Reeves is putting on some fine class shows now, and the Movie Fans are showing their appreciation by their increased attendance.

Lieutenant Glenn Showerman who went over seas with the 85th, Division has been transferred and is now with the second army of occupation in Germany. He had anticipated a return with his Division, but his departure will now be delayed indefinitely.

There will be a men's service at the Christian Church next Sunday. The music will be in charge of the men and Rev. Brown will preach a sermon entitled, "Men Wanted". All men are invited to come out Sunday to hear this sermon which is of intense interest to real men.

Movie patrons on Wednesday and Thursday nights were given an idea of just how the picture films are made. A drama director and camera man were on the job, and pictures taken of acts staged at the Idle Hour those evenings. Many scenes were taken about town, and later the films will be returned and shown on the screen here. It should insure a packed house.

Hugh Neale who has spent eight months at the Great Lakes Training Station has been mustered out of the service and arrived in Paw Paw Wednesday evening. He will spend the week end with his parents here and return to Kalamazoo to resume his college work next Monday. He will graduate next June. He says he enjoyed the work at the Training Station, but is mighty glad to get back to college.

Al Stevenson is having that majestic oak tree which stood before his home for so many years, sawed up into stove wood. A decayed trunk necessitated its fall. Ruben Nash and son George are the master wood choppers and say there will be at least fifteen cords of stove wood in the tree. While working on the branches the first of the week George Nash had the misfortune to strike a limb over his head which caused the double bitted axe he was swinging to rebound and inflicted an ugly gash on top of his head. Several stitches were required to close the wound, but he is back on the job again.

A letter from Bishop Micheal James Gallagher of Detroit to Father George Carlson of Paw Paw, requests that attention be called to the women of his congregation, to the necessity of registering in order to exercise their newly acquired right of voting in the county state and national elections. Space will not permit publication of the letter in full. The Bishop however in choice language brings out the fact that "The Friends of woman suffrage have placed high hopes in the purifying and uplifting effect of women's cooperation in the government of the country, and trusts that among Catholic women there may be no 'slackers,' but that all will regard it as a civic, patriotic and religious duty to turn out and register and then vote on election day for the higher things, for the things that make for the protection and elevation of the home, the school, the city, the state and the nation."

R. E. Jennings is in Benton Harbor on business this week.

Wm. K. Miller and son are at the M. A. C. in Lansing this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Rowlee of Lawrence called on relatives here Sunday.

The Friday Club will meet this Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Jennie Warner.

Ed DeHaven is spending a couple of weeks with relatives and friends in LaPorte, Indiana.

The Progressive Farmers club met at the M. H. Pugsley home on Thursday of this week.

Charley Giddings, the Overland Auto Dealer of Lawton made a business trip to this village last Friday.

Wm. Signor and wife of Gobleville are visiting here at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Glenn Markillie and family.

Jesse Dye announces the next social dancing party at Longwell's Opera House for Tuesday evening, February twenty-fifth.

Several from Paw Paw motored to Kalamazoo on Thursday evening to see the great Harry Lauder at the Fuller theatre.

Carl Burlington, former student in the local schools has been discharged from the army, and spent a few days among Paw Paw friends this week.

Merlin Valteau gave his celebrated lecture on "Denatured Food" at Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening. Owing to the many other attractions, and the fact that Mr. Valteau's lecture was not properly advertised, there was but a mere handful out to hear it.

Last Tuesday was Frank Hodges birthday, and a company of relatives and friends came to his home in the evening to remind him of the fact. Several presents were left and refreshments served. It was a milestone long to be remembered by Mr. and Mrs. Hodges.

Some of the intimate friends have some doubt about the story, but Al Stevenson says that during the time his wood choppers were laying off on account of an accident, he went out every morning before breakfast and sawed off several cuts from the butt end of that big oak log, and that if the men hadn't returned he would have finished the tree this week.

Sparks from the chimney set fire to shingles on the roof of the Mrs. R. E. Buchhout residence last Sunday afternoon. It was discovered by Undersheriff Barker who was passing the house, and with the assistance of Charley Burns and three soldier boys who were on their way to the train the flames were extinguished without the necessity of calling the Fire Department. Mrs. Buchhout and her grand daughters, the Misses Helen and Kathryn More are very grateful for the timely assistance.

Lieutenant Lloyd Harvey has returned from Over Seas and is home on a ten days furlough. He gave a very instructive and interesting talk before the ladies of the Coterie on Wednesday afternoon. He thinks Aviation is just in its infancy, and that eventually it will be the common mode of travel as well as an important factor in the commercial world. Lloyd plans to continue his work as an aviator, and remain in this exciting and fascinating game.

The Township Republican Caucus will be held in the Council Room in Paw Paw tomorrow (Saturday) at half past two o'clock. The purpose of this caucus is to elect seventeen delegates to attend a county convention to be held in the village of Hartford on Tuesday February 11th. The county convention will elect eighteen delegates to attend a state convention in Lansing on February 18th. The state convention will nominate candidates for Superintendent of Public Instruction; Judge of the Supreme Court; Regents of the University; Members of the State Board of Education; Members of the State Board of Agriculture, and members of a State Central Committee. Women who are qualified electors and desire to affiliate with the republican party and have registered with the Township Clerk may attend the Caucus tomorrow and participate in its deliberations. They are also eligible for election as delegates.

Next Wednesday, February 12th, is Lincoln's birthday and a legal holiday. All banks in the village will be closed for the day.

Regular communication of Paw Paw Lodge No. 25 F. and A. M. next Tuesday night, February 11th. Work in Second degree.

Mrs. Wallace White spent the week end in Kalamazoo with her sister, Mrs. Libbie Poulin who is to leave soon for California.

Prof. A. B. Castle entertained a brother the latter part of last week. He was one of Uncle Sam's fighting men.

Decree of Divorce was granted in the case of Della Nyson vs. Neal Nyson, and also in the case of Myrtle Kingston Davis vs. Arthur E. Davis.

There will be a regular meeting of Paw Paw Chapter No. 257 O. E. S. next Wednesday evening, February 13th. Work. Good attendance expected.

A fine cut of the late Lieutenant Frank Sturtevant, at one time a student in the Paw Paw High school appeared on the "Roll of Honor" page in last week's issue of Leslie's Weekly.

Next Monday evening the Lady Macabees will have a Masquerade party and all are requested to come in costume and each bring a lunch for one. Lodge will convene at 7:30 sharp.

Word has been received here that Lieutenant Fred Latshaw and wife will remain in the Sunny South, Mr. Latshaw having accepted a fine position there.

Regular Convocation of Paw Paw Chapter No. 34 R. A. M. next Monday evening, February 10th. Work in M. M. M. degree. Every Chapter Mason is urged to be present.

Mrs. Percy Nickless and baby arrived home Thursday from Illinois where she has been visiting relatives and friends during the months her husband was in the military service.

Harvey A. Sherman and wife have sold their village home to Prosecuting Attorney H. H. Adams and wife, and will move to their country home just east of the village, as soon as a few changes can be made in the residence.

Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Maxwell and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Waters were among those from Paw Paw who motored to Kalamazoo last Friday evening to see the great actress, Ethel Barrymore in the charming comedy, "The Off Chance."

The 25th annual convention of the Michigan Retail Hardware dealers Association will be held in Kalamazoo next week from the 11th, to 14th, inclusive. H. C. Waters and C. F. Snow of Paw Paw will be in attendance.

Hereafter, November 11th, will be a legal holiday in Michigan and probably throughout the nation. It is in commemoration of the date of signing the Armistice which ended the world war, and will be a "Liberty Holiday."

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hinckley took their daughter, Miss Arlene, to Bronson Hospital, Kalamazoo, on Tuesday where her tonsils were removed by Dr. Wilbur. The operation was performed in the hopes that it might relieve her of the acute attacks of rheumatism from which she has suffered for some time.

A recent letter from Miss Dorothy daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Norwood of Portland, Oregon to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Cummings, north of town, contains the sad news of the death of A. H. Folsom at his home in Vancouver, Washington on January 15th. Mr. Folsom was a resident of Paw Paw township for many years, living north of the village, and left here for the west some nine or ten years ago. He leaves a wife, one son Harry, and two daughters, Mrs. Alva Norwood of Portland, Oregon and one in Chicago.

Chaplain C. H. Heaton of Camp Custer has been mustered out of service and with his wife and family spent the week end with Paw Paw friends, conducting the Memorial services at the M. E. church Sunday evening. The many Paw Paw friends of Mr. and Mrs. Heaton have been hoping that they might again make this village their home, but the future is not yet decided for them. They are at home in Battle Creek for the present.

It seems just a little strange to see dust flying in February, but it is a fact just the same.

J. E. Packer is visiting relatives and friends in Hartford.

Vincent Sherrod has returned from his Florida trip, well pleased with the country and the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mosier and daughter Miss Evelyn were guests of his sister, Mrs. E. I. Nehr in Kalamazoo on Sunday.

Jay Hinckley drives a new Nash automobile. He has secured the agency for the Nash cars and Trucks in this locality.

The amount paid by the Michigan Butter company to their patrons the past year through the Paw Paw Savings bank is \$59,677.03.

Mrs. Bertha Colwell of Dwight, Illinois and Mrs. Helen Purdy of Decatur were guests at the home of their father, Willis Clapp, this week.

Bert Salisbury who is just recovering from the Influenza is stricken with rheumatism. His son Lyle is also sick with the "Flu" and under the care of a physician.

There has been a decided change in weather this week, and it has been quite like a real winter. No snow however, and not cold enough to insure any thickness of ice.

Fred Hake of Marcellus has bought the blacksmith tools of the late Frank Hayward, rented the shop, and commenced business. He has moved his family here and occupies the T. B. Clapp house on North Niles street.

Mrs. Olivia Woodman of this place has been honored by Hon. Burt D. Cady, chairman of the Republican State Central Committee who has selected her to represent the Fourth congressional district on the Women's Republican state executive committee of Michigan.

Dinner was served in the parlors of the Christian church on Thursday for those who came to attend the Y. M. C. A. Conference. Matters of interest to the organization were discussed during the afternoon and plans for the future arranged. E. C. Hawley, Wm. H. Howe, David Anderson and Dr. W. F. Hoyt comprise the local committee.

Next Wednesday, the program at the Coterie will honor the memory of Abraham Lincoln and will be in charge of Mesdames Anna Tuttle, Verna Van Tassel and Pansy Douglas. The program will be a good one, and should have the attendance of every member of this organization.

Some weeks ago, the True Northerner pointed out the advisability and necessity of dividing Paw Paw township into two voting precincts. Such division was made at a recent meeting of the Township Board, and the resolutions in full appear in another column of this issue. The Territorial road through the township is the dividing line. All north of this road will be known as Precinct No. 1 and South of the line, Precinct No. 2.

Only one jury case has been tried thus far this term of Court, and that was the case of Calista Dawley vs. Iva Mellan, in which Wm. E. Ware represented the plaintiff and David Anderson the defendant. This was an appeal from Justice Court, the controversy being over the ownership of a piano, the defendant claiming the piano had been given to her, and the plaintiff starting suit to replevin the same. The jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendant. After the close of this case the jury were dismissed until Tuesday of this week.

Considerable anxiety is felt by Mr. and Mrs. John McFarlin and their host of friends over the fact that no word has been received from their son Grant for many months. He was a member of the 32nd, Division, and in all the hard fighting of this division. He has never been reported in the casualty lists or among the missing, so every one is hoping that he is all right somewhere. It seems strange however that no word has been received during all these months. Mr. McFarlin has asked the Adjutant General of the War department to assist in getting some information in regard to his son if possible. Letters come from the other son, Claire, who was twice wounded and gassed, regularly, and the long delay with no word from Grant is a hard strain on the family.

Elmer Owen has rented the Frank Connor farm.

E. Richardson and son Lloyd have rented the John Dorsey farm.

Mrs. Frank Quintierre who has been critically ill is better at this writing.

Louis Long is gradually failing in health. He has been unconscious for the past week.

Oscar Edgett and wife of New York were guests of Mrs. Lucy DuBois last Thursday. They were enroute to California.

C. O. Monroe and S. H. Wilson of South Haven and John Swoap of Covert were in Paw Paw Thursday to attend a meeting of the Executive committee of the county Y. M. C. A.

There has been a great slump in the marriage business in Van Buren county. Cupid is evidently waiting for the return of the soldier boys at which time no doubt wedding bells as well as other bells will ring.

R. A. Couey has rented his farm commonly known as the Rowland and Shaefer place and will hold a big auction at the farm on Monday, Feb. 17th. Space in these columns next week will give the details of the sale.

A. B. Frisbie has a position with Fuller and Fuller in Kalamazoo and will put on a big auction sale at the farm February 19th. Advertising space in these columns next week will list the items to be sold, which includes some fine cows.

One of the biggest auctions of the year is advertised in these columns this week. It is for George Cross on farm in Waverly, and will be held next Wednesday, February 12th. Notice the fine herd of cattle listed. Mr. Cross has sold his farm to Harry Batt of Porter township.

Word has been received here that Mrs. Clara A. Brown passed away January 16th, at Portland, Oregon. Deceased at one time lived north of Paw Paw near Armstrong Corners, and will be remembered by many of the older people of this community. She was 90 years, and four months of age at the time of her death.

A letter from Major Herbert H. Frothingham, U. S. Hospital, Fort Des Moines, Iowa, to the Van Buren County Red Cross reads as follows:—"Please accept my thanks for donation of crate of comforters as well as the thanks of the men confined here. It is certainly gratifying to note that the people still have in mind the welfare of the returned soldiers who have done so much to bring about a victorious peace."

Mrs. Harry Ayars celebrated a birthday last week Wednesday, and entertained the Mesdames, Newland, Bailey, Gough, Mosier, Clapper, Howard and daughter Helen. A four course luncheon was served and a pleasant afternoon enjoyed.

Judge George M. Buck, a pioneer of Kalamazoo county, and for a number of years on the bench in the Circuit Court here when Van Buren was a part of the Van Buren Kalamazoo Circuit, passed away last Sunday in Atlanta, Ga. The funeral was held in Kalamazoo Wednesday.

Calista H. Mitchelson died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. W. McNeil in Lawton on January 28th. She was eighty-two years of age, and had always made her home with her daughter. The funeral was held from the hotel on Friday last, Anna L. Gillespie of Battle Creek, officiating.

P. T. Herwig of Sturgis is the new cashier at the John W. Free Co. bank. Mr. Herwig has had fifteen years experience in the banking business, and was assistant cashier of the Sturgis National bank during the time the late J. B. Showerman was cashier of that institution. He has moved his family here and they are at home on North Niles street. Mr. Herwig is a pleasant gentleman to meet, and will be welcomed to this community.

Sheriff Lang made a business trip to the neighborhood east of Paw Paw last Saturday. This is the first time in years that this community has required an official visit from the sheriff for the residents there have always prided themselves on being law abiding citizens. Petty thieving has been going on there lately however, the stolen articles including grape posts and a cook stove. It is hoped the guilty parties may be apprehended, and the good name of the community be restored.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Boomer entertained at dinner on Thursday Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Moe, Mr. and Mrs. Don Moe, Miss Nina Scott and Mr. and Mrs. John Clapp of Traverse City.

Three detachments of army trucks of forty trucks each, have passed through Paw Paw enroute from Detroit to Chicago. They are driven by soldiers, two to each truck, and Paw Paw has been one of the stopping places on the route. The boys have bunked in the basement of the Court House, and have served their mess in the dining room of the Masonic building. The local Red Cross have done everything in their power to make the soldiers comfortable and happy. Phonographs and plenty of records have been at their disposal in the Rest Room, and on Sunday many of the boys were invited out to various homes in the village for a six o'clock dinner. There are something over two thousand of these trucks to be driven across country, but we understand the schedule has been changed and that Paw Paw will no longer be one of the stopping places.

The residence of C. M. Smith in Lawton burned to the ground last Sunday afternoon. The hydrants are reported to have been filled up with dirt, which prevented the fire department from getting a stream of water in time to extinguish the flames. Furniture and household effects on the first floor were saved.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kline recently received two letters from their son Claude. They were dated from Vichy, France, one on Christmas day and the last January 13th. While Claude is well and likes his work, and has all kinds of good words for his treatment and care from the Red Cross, the strong point in the letters is, "He wants to get home." The last letter closes as follows:—"Gee, but I will be glad when I get on that ship that will sail for the good old U. S. A. The Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor will certainly look good to me; but the statue will certainly have to do an 'About Face' if it ever looks at me again, when I once get home."

The week of February 11 to 17 has been designated by the National Y. M. C. A. organization as "Father and Son Week". In keeping with the spirit of the plan, Paw Paw will give a "Father and Son Banquet" next Tuesday evening, February 11th, at the Coterie rooms. The ladies of the Coterie will cater, and the banquet hour is 6:30. An informal program will be given after the banquet. The general committee on arrangements who met last Tuesday to perfect the plan is composed of H. C. Waters, Glenn E. Warner, O. W. Kaye, C. W. Van Tassel, F. N. Wakeman, H. D. Spicer and E. C. Hawley. The details will be handled by the following committees:—Program, Messrs. Waters, Van Tassel, Castle, Publicity, Messrs. Wakeman and Spicer. Round up, Messrs. Glenn E. Warner, T. J. Cavasch, W. F. Hoyt, Rev. Trott and Rev. Brown. Tickets, O. W. Kaye. It is planned to make the event a great success, and the co-operation of every citizen in Paw Paw is confidently expected.

Next week Thursday evening, Feb. 13th, is the date announced for the thirty-fifth annual Firemen's Dance. Longwell's Opera House is the place, and Brocato's Saxophone orchestra of Kalamazoo will furnish the music. Dance tickets are \$1.00, war tax 10 cents, Spectators 15 cents. Citizens of Paw Paw should always remember that the Annual Dance is the only source of revenue the Fire Department has, except an occasional donation from some grateful citizen in appreciation of services at a fire. Every person, no matter what may be their personal opinions about dancing should be willing once a year to contribute the sum of \$1.00 to as good a fire department as Paw Paw boasts. Every dollar goes into the treasury to pay sick benefits, and for clothing ruined at a fire. It should be said also that the department invested to the limit of their treasury in Liberty bonds during the war, and contributed to many other patriotic appeals. Another thing to remember,—in consideration of war activities last year, the annual dance was cancelled, and the boys need the money now. Show that your heart is in the right place then, by buying a ticket this year. If you are not approached by a solicitor, hunt up one of the firemen and show your appreciation to the best volunteer fire department in the state by contributing a dollar to the cause.